
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
MEETING**

Monday, May 14, 2007
Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE SCAG OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

Members Present

Hon. Gil Coerper – Orange County
Hon. Jon Edney (Chair) – Imperial County (Telecon)
Hon. Timothy Jasper – San Bernardino County (Telecon)
Hon. Carl Morehouse – Ventura County
Hon. Paul Nowatka – Los Angeles County
Hon. Charles White – Riverside County (Videoconference)

Member Alternates Present

Hon. Christine Barnes – Orange County
Hon. Larry McCallon – San Bernardino County
Hon. Mike Tan – Los Angeles County

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Carl Morehouse, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

**4.1 Receive and File
Attachments**

4.1.1 City of La Verne: Transmittal of supplemental information dated 4-30-07, removing contingency from Board approval on 4-25-07.

- 4.1.2 City of Norwalk: Transmittal of supplemental information dated 5-1-07, removing contingency from Board approval of 4-26-07.
- 4.1.3 Letter from the City of Colton, dated 5-3-07.
- 4.1.4 Letter from the City of Big Bear Lake, dated 5-3-07.
- 4.1.5 Letter from the City of Aliso Viejo, dated 5-3-07.
- 4.1.6 Letter from State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), dated 4-30-07.

The consent calendar was MOVED (Hon. Paul Nowatka), SECONDED (Hon. Gil Coerper), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

None

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 Approval of written decisions for RHNA revision requests and appeal requests considered and heard April 25, 2007, April 26, 2007, April 27, 2007, April 30, 2007, and May 3, 2007.**

To be certain that the members were able to review all of the written decisions, Hon. Carl Morehouse called a recess at 8:24 a.m. so that the members could review the materials. Jeff Marguiles, Legal Counsel, provided reviewing directions to the members.

The meeting resumed at 9:05 a.m.

All members stated that they had received and reviewed all the materials and were comfortable in taking action on this item.

It was MOVED (Hon. Charles White), SECONDED (Hon. Paul Nowatka), and UNANIMOUSLY decided to take all of the written decisions as one item and pull any decision separately, if necessary.

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The Vice-Chair recognized Jihong McDermott, County of Riverside, who raised concern with the appeal regarding Tribal Lands that was denied.

She stated that the issue of Tribal Lands was raised in late summer of 2006 and SCAG staff was informed that the Riverside County Growth Forecast included growth on both Tribal and Non-Tribal land. In SCAG's letter to HCD on February 15, 2007, SCAG attributed the inclusion of Tribal Land Nations population and housing in the state's method for the determining of the Regional population, household growth and construction need. In the RHNA Appeal staff report, SCAG recommended that Riverside County handle this issue in its local housing element process with HCD. After the RHNA Appeal on April 30, 2007, Riverside County received a copy of the letter sent from HCD, Cathy Creswell, Deputy Director, to SCAG. The letter indicates that the use of SCAG projections from the draft 2007 Integrated Growth Forecast in determining the Regional Housing Need. The Riverside County Center for Demographic Research provided the forecast as local input for the Integrated Growth Forecast for the RTP 2007. The local input included the Housing Growth on both Tribal and Non-Tribal Land because growth on our land generates traffic. However, the growth on the Tribal Land, we believe, should not be included in developing the RHNA Construction Need for unincorporated Riverside County. HCD indicates in its letter that the issue of Tribal Lands, as it relates to the RHNA cannot be addressed in the Local Housing Element Review Process. At this point, the County of Riverside feels that the Tribal Land issue has not been effectively addressed through this process. Therefore, we request this board to reconsider this issue in light of the HCD April 30, 2007 letter.

The Vice-Chair thanked Ms. McDermott for her comments that will be included for the record and indicated that the board did have a copy of the SCAG and HCD letters she referred to. He further stated that because this meeting is not a hearing, the board can not act on any type of request.

In response to a question from Board Member Coerper, Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, informed the group that the successfully appealed units are required to be proportionally reassigned to every jurisdiction per State Housing Law. He added that there is no appeal of reallocations. He continued that the reallocation is based on a proportion reallocation based on share of total growth.

JoAnn Africa, SCAG Staff, stated that the Proposed Final Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Plan will include a description of the reallocation methodology. This Plan will be presented to the Regional Council on July 12, 2007, as a public hearing. Any cities wishing to comment on the reallocation numbers can make comment at that time. She also suggested that a final line on each of the decisions that would read "Reviewed and approved by the RHNA Appeals Board on May 14, 2007."

It was MOVED (Hon. Gil Coerper), SECONDED (Hon. Charles White), and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to approve written decisions and direct staff to prepare the Proposed Final Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Jon Edney, Chair, thanked the Board for their commitment to the process.

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, provided a copy of the Summary of Revisions/Appeals Results to the board and stated a copy will be posted on the SCAG Website.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approval of Minutes for the 5 RHNA meetings held. This may be done at the CEHD Meeting in June.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.


Lynn Harris, Manager
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